में भारत की कुछ घटनाओं के विपरीत प्रचार सहित विभिन्न कारणों से 1990 के दौरान विदेशी पर्यटक आगमनों में कमी आई है । पर्यटक यातायात में कमी के कारण देश में पर्यटन उद्योग प्रभावित हुआ है । तथापि, उद्योग अथवा राज्य को हुई हानि का परिमाणीकरण संभव नहीं है ।

(ग) पर्यटक भेजने वाले देशों में से भावी पर्यटकों और यात्रा व्यवसाय को पुनर्आश्वस्त करने के लिए कूटनैतिक चैनलों और सीधे प्रचार के माध्यम से प्रयास किए जा रहे हैं ।

Light Rail Transit System to Andhra Pradesh

1223. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any proposals under Government's consideration to introduce the Light Rail Transit System in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether any feasibility studies have been made in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DAULAT RAM SARAN); (a) and *(b)* The Government of Andhra Pradesh engaged M/s Rail India Technical and Economic Services (RITES) in March, 1988 to conduct a Techno-economic Feasibility Study for the introduction of Mass Rapid Transit System. M/s. RITES have suggested the introduction of a Light Rail Transit System covering a total distance of 22. 5 kms. costing approximately Rs. 306 crores at 1988 prices. The Government of Andhra Pradesh had forwarded this project for the consideration of the Government of India. The matter now stands referred back to the State Government seeking clarification on many aspects including the economic viability of the project and the funding pattern proposed. The report of the State Government on these aspects has not been received so far.

News-item under Caption 'Railways may not get ADB Loan

1224. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item entitled 'Railways may not get ADB loan', mentioning that the Indian Railways' inability to utilise $ 190 million Asian Development Bank Loan for procurement of locomotives has jeopardisod the prospects of fresh US$ 300 million loan package;

(b) whether it is a fact that the import of 30 locomotives (4000 HP) linked to transfer of technology for indigenous manufacture was thwarted because an expert committee appointed by the Planning Commission to examine the 'Feasibility of imports' could not submit the report before the expiry of validity of the offers;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the revised offers received are substantially higher and lot of delay has occurred in opening up negotiations to persuade bidders to agree to the former terms:

(d) whether ADB loan earmarked for imports might become inoperable due to the delay; and

(e) what steps Government would take to avoid such delays on account of infructuous studies of external agencies not involved in decision making?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS): (a) The Government is aware of the Press report titleld "Railways may not get ABD Loan", in the "Financial Observer' dated 13th February, 1. 991.

(b) No. Sir. While the commercial bids for procurement of 6000 HP AC three phase freight and passenger locomotives were in the final stages of consideration Planning Commission constituted an Expert Committee to go into this issue. The Committee

endorsed the Indian Railways approach in general. The validity of the tenders lapsed on 31-3-1990.

(c) There has been no delay in reinvitation of tenders. The offers now received are higher than the earlier offers. Negotiations are in progress.

(d) No, Sir. ADB have appraised a second project for a loan of about $ 228 million but have said that this project can be considered by their Board in 1991, after progress has been made with regard to the first loan.

(e) Adequate steps are being taken to hasten decision-making.

Allotment of imported edible oil fo Gujarat

1225. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: SHRI JITENDRABHAI LABHSHANKER BHATT:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantum of imported palmolein oil allotted to Gujarat in the current oil year beginning from 1-11-90 in comparison to Maharashtra, U. P. and Tamil Nadu during the same period;

(b) the basis on which the allotment is being made to the States;

(c) whether Government take into account food habits and the consumption pattern before making the allotment of edible oil to the States; and

(d) whether any sample survey was conducted for determining" the allotment?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAO BIRENDRA SINGH); (a) The quantum of imported edible oil allotted to Gujarat vis-a-vis Maharashtra, UP-and Tamil Nadu during the oil year 1990-91 from November, 1990 is as under: —

(Qty in MTs)

	Gujarat	Maharashtra	Uttar Pradesh	Tamil Nadu
No. '90	7, 000	10, 000	2, 000	4, 000
Dec. '90				
Jan. '91				
Feb. '91	3, 600	5, 000	2, 000	1, 200

* No allocation of imported edible oi was made during the months of December, 1990 and January, 1991.

(b) The allocation of imported edible oils to State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations is made by the Central Government on a month to month basis keeping in view the reasonable demand of the States. Market availability, availability of oils with the State Trading Corporation, festival season pace of lifting by States | Union Territories and other related factors.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No, Sir.